

# The Token Hunter



N.U.T.S CLUB

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**National Utah Token Society**

*Dedicated to the collecting, recording and preserving of Utah's historical medals, tokens, coins and bottles*

**President's Message**

 Hello everyone and thank you for coming out and making our January club meeting so enjoyable! Bob Campbell's hospitality and presentation at his shop, All About Coins were just amazing and the surprise presentation from Wilf Blum from Deep Blue Marine was nothing short of fascinating. I hope everyone enjoyed the evening as much as I did.

February's meeting will be back at our regular location the Columbus Community Center. Mr. Bentsen Moss has graciously agreed to give a presentation on his dog tag collection which is second to none!

Remember, the club medal design voting will occur at the March meeting. We'll have forms on hand at February's meeting. Please take the time to participate and submit your ideas.

 I'm starting to believe in some type of correlation between the famous groundhog and NUTS club members. There have been unconfirmed reports of metal detectorist emerging from their holes and getting some hunting in. No word if anyone found their shadows, tokens, or coins. Stay tuned...

See everyone at the 24<sup>th</sup> meeting!

Mike Morey

**Swearing in of 2011 Officers**



**Bob Campbell**



**Eldon, JJ and Bill**



**Phil and Mike**



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Don't forget about the raffle !

We have some fabulous items this month.

2 peso gold piece

1988 Prestige coin set

1976 3 piece proof silver set

2003 First flight commemorative half dollar

1986 Immigrant commemorative half dollar

1982 George Washington commemorative half dollar

1929 p Standing quarter

Scarcelli Brothers token G F 5c

Wasatch Dairy Farm token G F 1 qt milk

Burns Pool Hall token G F 5c

W.C. Kreplin token G F 5c

Louisville Liquor Co token G F 2 1/2c

Conrad & Wenzel token G F 12 1/2c

Wm A. Stickney token G F 12 1/2c

Leroy Cigar Co token G F 12 1/2c

Lavielle Cigar Co token G F 12 1/2c

Hotel Utah token G F 12 1/2c

J.P. Duncan token G F 12 1/2c

Golden Gate token G F 25c

Golden Gate token G F 50c

Golden Gate token G F \$1.00

Combination Bar token G F 5c

Heminway & Moser token G F 12 1/2c

Copper King Bar token G F 5c

? Church Welfare token G F 50c

1962 Worlds Fair Medal

set of 6 Wooden tokens

set of 2 Dog Tags 1991, 1992

## I found a rare token! Now what?

Well, first off, congratulations! There are a lot of prized finds out there but for me, there is nothing like digging an old trade token. The history of the old towns comes alive for me holding one of these old pieces of “private money”.

As much as I love finding them, I’ve seen plenty of situations get sideways after the find. The following is a partial list of considerations I feel are important to keep the hobby positive and to maintain good relationships.

**The find site:** Have you made agreements with the owner or your hunting partner regarding found valuables? If so, honor them. Of course, others will want to know where you found your item. If it is public property or the owner has given broad permission, I enjoy sharing a good site, especially with those who have shared with me. Otherwise, I tend to be protective of the owner’s privacy and don’t give out their address. Being honest with my fellow hunters on this point has served me well so far.



**Identification:** Here again, this is where good relationships pay off. I can’t afford every token book in print but I know a lot of people with access to this information. These folks have paid for their knowledge and resources and when I call on them for their expertise, I like to acknowledge it either by supporting their business, taking them to a good site, etc... Properly identifying a token has everything to do with its value and collectability. Not long ago, I dug a Maverick (no town or state name) token at a dump site. I wasn’t too excited until an expert identified it as an extremely rare Idaho token and referred me to a potential buyer.

**Cleaning:** Opinions vary on the subject but token value is generally less affected than coins when it comes to cleaning. Some methods can be very harmful, especially on aluminum tokens so if you opt to clean it yourself, be careful and take your time! If you know the token to be rare, consider having an expert clean it for you. If you intend to sell or trade, many collectors are particular. Some like shiny while others prefer an antiqued look. Know your potential buyers.



**Collecting, selling, and trading:** This is where feelings can get hurt. I know of unique tokens that will never be seen because someone doesn’t like someone else. A shame really for those who are thrilled just to see a new town token discovered regardless of who owns it. Same goes for selling, you might beat a collector’s offer by a few bucks by selling your token online, but will the fees make it a wash? That same collector may very well be the person you need when it comes to your next find.

Every situation is different. My hope in sharing these opinions is that in these situations, we can all remember our friends, the code of ethics, and all the great things that brought us to the hobby in the first place. Good Hunting!

## JANUARY SPEAKER NOTES

Bob Campbell hosted the club meeting at his newly remodeled "All About Coins" and gave a fascinating presentation on the inner workings of the shop. His presentation was highlighted by the display of some very LARGE gold specie and his ultra rare 1804 Silver Dollar. Anyone owning the "Red Book" of United States coins is probably aware of the significance of this coin and knows the opportunity to actually view it is equally rare. Thank you Bob!



Club Wagon master Bill Glodowski also introduced surprise guest, Mr. Wilf Blum, President of Deep Blue Marine. Deep Blue is actively involved in shipwreck/treasure recovery operations in the Dominican Republic. Again, club members had the rare opportunity to view and handle rare silver coins and relics recovered by Deep Blue. We are hopeful to have Mr. Blum back for a future presentation.

## Miscellaneous club news

Meeting: 7:00 p.m. February 24th  
Columbus Community Center  
2531 South 400 East, Rm 105

Memberships are due if you haven't renewed please see Eldon at the meeting.

We will have the new membership cards at the meeting.

We are still trying to put together a club directory if you are interested please email your information including your phone, (type of hunting ) IE detector (what type of detectors used) screener or collector (what type of collector token, coin ,bottle etc..) to [tokenclub@hotmail.com](mailto:tokenclub@hotmail.com)

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- *Also Known As Trade Tokens*~ Pocket-sized, full color, illustrated introduction to collecting western pioneer minor coinage. Provides a general knowledge of the history and evolution of private minor coinage and tokens due to the western coin shortage that resulted from the California Gold Rush. The different types of tokens and main collecting categories are discussed, as well as the coiners, the shapes, sizes and denominations, condition expectations, and more. Blank collection tables and note pages. A handy reference and great beginner's guide to token collecting.

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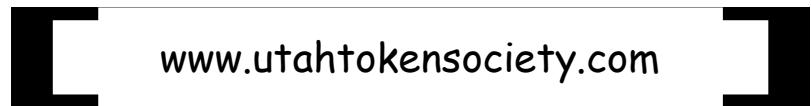
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*We work hard to open the exciting token collecting field to both new and experienced collectors. Our parent company Kagin's, a major numismatic dealer, has helped us introduce tokens as pioneer minor coinage to the traditional coin collecting market. We believe token collecting is one of the last untapped coin collecting fields, with an unlimited amount of potential. Our auction house has set the standard for token values over the last 20 years and the market value has increased exponentially. We are here to help you buy and sell all types of trade tokens and to help you explore the fun and exciting world of pioneer minor coinage.*

A black and white illustration of a hand emerging from a sleeve, holding a metal detector. The detector has a circular coil at the end. A small metal object, possibly a coin, lies on the surface next to the coil.

The logo for Eureka Coin Company features a central illustration of a tall, multi-tiered wooden mine tower or windmill structure. The tower has several vertical support beams and a circular opening at the top. Below the illustration, the company name "EUREKA COIN COMPANY" is written in large, bold, serif capital letters. To the left of the tower, there is contact information for George Wilson, including his name, title, email address, and website. To the right of the tower, there is mailing and phone number information.

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